

DIAMONDHEAD FESTIVAL AND BBQ COMPETITION

November 14, 2020 11am to 6pm

BBQ TEAM APPLICATION

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please complete the following questionnaire:

Shirt #1 Size: _____ Shirt #2 Size: _____ Each team gets 2 free t-shirts & 2 coozies included in Registration fee.

Rig Size: Width: _____ (include hitch) 20 feet is the maximum acceptable width.

Length: _____ 50 feet is the maximum acceptable length.

I have reviewed the map layout of the competition for this year. My space number preferences are as follows:

1st choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____ 3rd Choice: _____

____ Yes, I will be selling BBQ food items to the general public.

Your space choice preference will be honored IF the spaces are available. The sooner you apply, the more likely your choice will be available.

Team Fee \$125 \$ _____

Additional space (20 ft x 40 ft) fee of \$125. \$ _____

Extra T-shirts \$10 each \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Checks payable to: City of Diamondhead, 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

Please check each category(s) you wish to be judged. In order to be considered the "Grand Champion" for the BBQ Competition, you must compete in all four categories.

Chicken: _____ Ribs: _____ Pork: _____ Brisket: _____

RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules of the BBQ competition. I hereby agree to forever release and hold harmless the City of Diamondhead and private property owners from liability arising from accident, injury, act of vandalism, or theft during the Diamondhead Festival and BBQ Competition and from product liability due to the sale of merchandise during the show. Furthermore, I hereby grant full permission to the event organizers to use any photographs, videotapes, or recording for any legitimate purpose. No refunds. Prize money will be paid by check to the team captain.

By my signature, I agree, I have read and agree to all rules as well as the release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Rules for Barbeque Competition

1. Registration Information

- a. The event is organized by the City of Diamondhead.
- b. The Festival and Competition will take place on Airport Drive on the southside of Diamondhead just west of the Diamondhead Marina from 11am to 6pm.
- c. There will be a prayer service from 10am to 11am to honor our veterans and military families before the festivities get started.
- d. There are no refunds of registration fee provided to the teams for any reason.
- e. Confirmation of the team registration will be emailed to the team captain with the assigned booth number once the application is received and processed by the event organizers.
- f. Applications are accepted on a space-available basis. Submission of an application does not guarantee booth space.
- g. Registration deadline is Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5pm.
- h. Professional and amateur teams are invited to compete, but there is no division of categories in judging.
- i. Booth locations will be assigned by the event organizers. Teams can request their top 3 booth locations. This will be assigned on a first come first serve basis as completed applications are received and processed.
- j. Each team consists of a chief cook (Pit Master) and as many assistants as chief deems necessary.
- k. A chief cook or assistant may NOT enter more than one team.
- l. Due to the magnitude of this festival, it is impossible to schedule a rain date or indoor alternative site. Therefore, the festival will run on the scheduled date regardless of weather.
- m. Teams are encouraged to sell their BBQ items to the general public, but this is not required.
- n. The team captain, chief cook and assistants agree to read, understand, and abide by the rules and regulations of the BBQ competition. All participants waive and release any and all rights and claims for any damage they may have against the City of Diamondhead or its agents, successors, sponsors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by himself, the team or guests in this event. Further, all participants grant full permission to the event organizers and any other agent authorized by this event's organizers to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.
- o. The decision and interpretation of the rules and regulations are at the discretion of the event organizer. Their decision and interpretation is final.
- p. Check-in: Teams may check in at the Festival Information Tent on Friday between 12pm and 7pm.
- q. Event organizers will provide dinner for the teams on Friday at 7pm-8pm on the festival grounds.
- r. Vendors assume responsibility for collecting, tabulating, and reporting 7% MS State sales tax. IT IS VENDORS RESPONSIBILITY to turn in your sales tax form and sales taxes collected to the

Festival Information Booth no later than 7pm on Saturday. All vendors must turn in a form that is sent to the MS Department of Revenue.

- s. Vendors must accept the festival "BBQ Bucks" given to sponsors and will be reimbursed upon checkout and submission of sales tax reporting form.

2. Safety Information

- a. Diamondhead Police will be patrolling the festival on Friday and Saturday.
- b. No cars will be allowed to park on festival grounds. There is designated parking for teams across the street on Airport Drive.
- c. No open pits or holes are permitted. Fires may not be built on the ground.
- d. Teams must adhere to all electrical, fire, and other codes whether city, county, state or federal.
- e. **Each team is required to have a fire extinguisher within the assigned space at all times.**
- f. All tents must be properly secured at all times.
- g. The privilege to sell or give away **any and all beverages** (which shall include but not be limited to beer, water, soft drinks) belongs **solely** to the festival organizer. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the general public by contestants or guests.
- h. The use of any tobacco products while handling or cooking food is strictly prohibited.
- i. Please use alcohol responsibly. Intoxication may result in disqualification and ejection from the festival grounds.
- j. Sanitizing of work area should be implemented with the use of bleach and water (1 cap of bleach per gallon of water)
- k. Each team will provide a separate container for washing, rinsing, and sanitizing of utensils.
- l. All team members must always wear shirts and shoes in the cooking area.
- m. Each team is responsible for having a first-aid kit within the assigned cooking space.
- n. Each team should have hand sanitizer on hand. If you are selling to the public, this should be available for public use as well.

3. Booth Information for Teams

- a. Each team is assigned a cooking space/booth.
- b. Pits, cookers, props, trailers, motor homes, generators, tents shall not exceed the boundaries of team's assigned cooking space. (Booth is 20 ft x 50 ft). No exceptions!
- c. Electricity will be provided for the teams at this event. There will be one (1) outlet that is 20 amp for each team. Teams will need to provide their own extension cord(s). A small, quiet generator may be used by each team.
- d. Organizers will provide shared water at the festival grounds for teams to access. Teams will need to provide their own water hose to connect. The connection will be right behind the team.
- e. Teams shall provide needed equipment, work surfaces, supplies, aluminum foil, meat, fans, tents, chairs, tables, and garbage cans (with garbage bags).
- f. The use of a single pit (cooking devise) used by more than one team is prohibited.
- g. Cook fires shall be of wood, wood pellets, or charcoal. Electrical accessories such as spits, augers, or forced draft are permitted. Use of gas or auxiliary heat source is prohibited.
- h. RVs and campers are allowed, but it must fit inside the designed booth space. This is a "dry camp" and the RV and campers must be fully contained. The nearest sewerage dump site is on I-10, Exit 2 at the Mississippi rest stop. There is no dumping available on festival grounds.
- i. Foul, abusive, or unacceptable language by a team, its members and/or guests is prohibited.
- j. Excessive noise generated by speakers is prohibited.

- k. A quiet time will be in force between Friday at 11pm and Saturday at 7am.
- l. If you are selling food to the public, you must keep your booth open from 10am to 6pm. If you are not selling, you will be allowed to exit the festival after the awards presentation. We will use police to help guide you off the grounds safely.
- m. Teams will take all steps necessary to protect and safeguard the premises of the site from damage, vandalism, extra-ordinary wear and tear, or other adverse effects caused by or arising out of the conduct on the part of the team and the agents and employees of the team in the course of setting up, removing and participating in the competition.
- n. Upon completion of the festival, all garbage must be disposed of in the dumpster provided. Leave space like you found it: CLEAN.

4. Food Preparation Information

- a. Teams are responsible for providing their own ingredients.
- b. Barbeque is defined by the event organizer as uncured meat/fowl (or other as allowed), prepared on a wood or charcoal fire as the cook sees fit.
- c. Parboiling and/or deep-frying competition meat is not allowed.
- d. Competition meats shall be inspected by the Official Meat Inspector, and inspections are performed soon after check in.
- e. Once meat has been inspected, it must not leave the team's assigned cooking area.
- f. Do not apply rubs, marinating sauce, etc. until meat inspection is completed.
- g. All meat must start out raw, and no pre-seasoned meat is allowed.
- h. Trimming meat prior to arrival and before meat inspection is allowed.
- i. Each team shall prepare and cook all foods within its assigned space. No exceptions!

5. The four meat categories

- a. Chicken – Chicken includes Cornish Hen and Kosher Chicken
- b. Pork Ribs – Ribs shall include the bone. Country style ribs are prohibited.
- c. Pork – Pork is defined as Boston Butt, Picnic or Whole Shoulder, weighing a minimum of 4 lbs.
- d. Beef Brisket – May be whole brisket, flat, or point. Corned beef is not allowed.

6. Judging Times for Each of the Meat Categories

- a. Chicken: 12pm
- b. Pork Ribs: 1pm
- c. Pork: 2pm
- d. Beef Brisket: 3pm

7. Competition and Judging Information

- a. Criteria for judging are: (1) Appearance, (2) Tenderness/Texture, and (3) Taste.
- b. The scoring system is from 9 (Excellent) to 2 (Bad). All numbers between two and nine may be used to score an entry. 6 is the starting point. A score of one (1) is a disqualification and requires approval by contest representative. The weighing factors for the point system are as follows:
 - i. Appearance: .5714
 - ii. Taste: 2.2858
 - iii. Tenderness/Texture: 1.1428
- c. Each contestant must submit at least six (6) portions of meat in an approved unmarked container. Organizers will provide 9" x 9" regulation "turn in trays" to each team for each of the four categories.

- d. A representative from the team must bring an entry for judging at the listed times above to the Judges Tent. There is a ten-minute window of opportunity to submit entries (five minutes before the hour and five minutes after the hour). No entry will be accepted before or after the designated time. Failure to submit an entry in a category during the designated time will result in disqualification for that category. Under-cooked chicken in any portion of an entry is an automatic disqualification in that category.
- e. Ribs must be submitted with the meat on the bone and the ribs must be separated (individual ribs, 6 per container). Chicken must be submitted on the bone; 6 thighs. Brisket must be submitted sliced – 6 slices per container. You must cook in all four (4) categories to be eligible for “Grand Champion” and “Reserve Champion” of the competition.

8. Trophies and Prize Money

- a. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category in addition to the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. The winners will have the highest combined scores in the four meat categories.
 - b. Prize money will be awarded to winners as follows: 1st place (\$200); 2nd place (\$125) and 3rd place (\$100) in each category in addition to the Grand Champion (\$500) and Reserve Champion (\$300). A total of \$2,500 in prize money will be distributed to the winners.
 - c. A team representative must pick up containers at the Judges Tent between 9am and 10am. You will receive one container for each meat.
 - d. Entries in each category must be submitted in the containers provided. These containers will have a number assigned by contest officials. Except for this number, marking the container in a way to make it uniquely identifiable to the team is prohibited. Toothpicks, skewers, stuffing, or other foreign materials within the container are also prohibited and may result in disqualification in the Appearance criteria. However, a single layer of aluminum foil (provided by the griller) may be used to line the inside bottom of the container to keep the entry warm.
 - e. Garnishments are prohibited, and sauce is optional. Sauces must be directly applied to the meat and not pooled or puddled in the container. Side-sauce cups or containers are not permitted in the turn-in container.
 - f. Marking, branding, or presenting the competition meat in a way to make it uniquely identifiable to the team is prohibited.
 - g. Disqualification of any team from any competition category (or the competition as a whole) is at the sole discretion of the event organizers, and decisions are final.
9. For information about the event, contact Diamondhead City Hall at 228-222-4626 or email BBQ@diamondhead.ms.gov.